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# Weekly Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy February! I can't believe we are already 5 weeks into the Spring Term and so close to half term! Just a reminder that next week, our last week of the half term, the children's last day will be Thursday. Our staff will be in school on Friday undertaking valuable training and working on developing our curriculum design to ensure we are providing the best possible opportunities for the children here at Potley Hill.

This week has been another busy week full of a variety of activities! On Tuesday, 4 children from Year 6 attended a Maths Challenge at Eagle House School together with around 60 other local schools! It was an exciting, active afternoon that really got their brains working and we were even discussing some of the challenges and still trying to solve them on the way home! The children who attended showed impeccable behaviour and huge amounts of resilience as they proudly represented Potley Hill.

It was great for so many of our enthusiastic singers to have the amazing opportunity to sing at Young Voices at the London O2 on Wednesday evening! They had an absolutely wonderful time that we know will stay in their memories of school forever! I'm sure they will all remember the long trip home and crawling into their beds around 1 am! A massive thank you to Mr Ellis and Mrs Wilding who accompanied them.

Our Netball Team had their first match of the season on Wednesday, and according to Mr Farrer and Mrs Bailey who attended with them, they played really well and are looking forward to working with them and developing their skills over the next term. Well done to all those who took part in the Year 5 and 6 Fun Run at Robert May School this week. Again, they represented Potley Hill with pride and good sportsmanship and we were delighted to cheer them on with Cooper finishing in 2<sup>nd</sup> Place for the boys and being awarded a medal. There is no rest for our Girls Football Team until later tonight, as it is the match of the "Hills" straight after school - Potley Hill Vs Tower Hill in the next cup fixture! Good Luck girls and we can't wait to hear how you get on!

We are really looking forward to welcoming many of you into school next week for our Spring Term Parents Consultations. You should have received all the information you need to book an appointment on Arbor, but please do contact the office if you are having any trouble and we will do our best to help you book an appointment. We are extremely proud of the learning that has been taking place across the school since the beginning of the year and we hope you will enjoy seeing the evidence of this as you look through your children's books next week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

*N. Wallace*

Mrs N Wallace  
Assistant Head Teacher

## Diary Dates

### February 2024

w/c 5<sup>th</sup> – Children's Mental Health Week  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> – Safer Internet Day  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> – Year R Library visit (am)  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> – Parents Evening 3.30 - 6.00pm  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> – Parents Evening 4.00 – 7.00pm  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> – INSET DAY (School Closed)  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> HALF-TERM (School Closed)  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> – PTA Discos  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> – Reception Height & Weight Checks

## Celebration

The following pupils have been chosen to be celebrated this week by their class teacher.

### Lunchtime Supervisor Nomination: Izzy L

Class	Lead Learner	Star of the Week	Weekly Attendance*
Oak	Dominic E	Tilly-Mae B	97.66%
Maple	Katya M	Mya Rose D	<b>98%</b>
Juniper	Poppy P	Grace R	94.4%
Aspen	Max VB	Deeks C	95.17%
Redwood	Emma B	Nathan P	93.87%
Bonsai	Menashe N	Seth W	89.23%
Katsura	India Lily M	Penny L	92.59%
Rowan	Nichalo A	Evie S	95%

\*Highest weekly class attendance in bold print

### Potley Point Totals:

Blue – 243      Yellow - 272  
Red – 313      Green – 178

### Timestable Rockstars:

Most Active – Redwood Class  
Most Improved - Rowan Class

Bee our guest!  
Potley Hill Schools  
**Valentines Dance**  
Thursday 22nd February  
3pm till 6pm reception - year 3  
6.15pm till 7.15pm year 4 - year 6  
£5.50 per entry includes sweets and drink

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The extra-curricular activities that are planned for each week are below.

We will endeavour to run extra-curricular activities whatever the weather. However, if any activities need to be cancelled, we will contact you via Arbor.

**Please collect your child from the gate at the lower end of the top playground at 4.15pm from school-run clubs.**

**Please note that due to Parent Consultations next week, the Clubs below are the only ones that will be running. Clubs will resume as normal after half term.**

### Monday

Year 6 Booster Clubs (invite only)  
Miss Miles/Mrs Richards Katsura/Bonsai classrooms

Judo 4 Juniors – (Judo in School Hall) Years 1-6  
[Click here](#) for more information

### Tuesday

Years 1 to 6 Well-Being Club (invite only)  
Mrs Elkins & Mrs Watson Oak classroom

### Wednesday

Bustagroove - (Street Dance in Redwood Class)  
Years R-2 [bustagroove.info@gmail.com](mailto:bustagroove.info@gmail.com)

### Thursday

### Friday

## 'Why are you late this morning?'



As you are aware the Government are currently running a campaign to improve attendance in schools, and here at Potley Hill Primary School we appreciate how important it is for all children to be at school to access their learning.

In addition to analysing attendance percentages as a whole, we also look at the number of children who repeatedly turn up just a few minutes late. Whilst we fully appreciate the traffic problems that we all encounter locally from time to time, turning up late has some real negative consequences for the children:

**'But it's only 5 minutes late!'**

The impact of arriving late by just 5 minutes every day will mean that your child miss the equivalent of **3 full days** of learning over a year!

What the children have to say....

*'I feel like I'm catching up with everyone else when I'm late'*

*'I hate having to rush in and not get the chance to talk to my friends first'*

*'It's really embarrassing walking into class when everyone is already working'*

**LET'S ALL WORK HARD TO GET TO SCHOOL ON TIME!**

## Potley Hill Primary School Menu October 2023 – March 2024 £3 per day

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/c 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb, 4 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Plant-based burger in a bap with diced potatoes	Tomato pasta	Margherita pizza with diced potatoes	Quorn chicken pieces in a Yorkshire pudding roast potatoes & gravy	Sweet potato and lentil curry with white and brown rice
	Spaghetti bolognese	Italian style chicken goujons with diced potatoes	Chicken and oriental style vegetable rice	Sliced beef with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes & gravy	Baked fish fingers with chips
	<b>All served with Vegetable of the day or salad</b>	<b>All served with Vegetable of the day or salad</b>	<b>All served with Vegetable of the day or salad</b>	<b>All served with Vegetable of the day or salad</b>	<b>All served with Vegetable of the day or salad</b>
	Yoghurt, fruit and mini shortbread biscuit	Chocolate brownie	Fruit and Jelly	Lemon drizzle sponge	Shortbread biscuit
Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/c 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb, 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Meat free hotdog with diced potatoes	Roasted vegetable lasagne	Margherita pizza with crinkle cut wedges	Vegetable pastry crown, roast potatoes & gravy	Cheddar cheese and potato frittata
	Cottage pie	Chicken nuggets with diced potatoes	Ham carbonara with penne pasta	Roast chicken with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes & gravy	Baked battered fish and chips
	<b>All served with Vegetable of the day or salad</b>	<b>All served with Vegetable of the day or salad</b>	<b>All served with Vegetable of the day or salad</b>	<b>All served with Vegetable of the day or salad</b>	<b>All served with Vegetable of the day or salad</b>
	Yoghurt, fruit and mini shortbread biscuit	Apple flapjack	Fruit and Jelly	Victoria Sponge	Jumble biscuit
Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/c 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb, 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Cheddar cheese and tomato quesadilla with diced potatoes	Macaroni cheese	Margherita pizza with crinkle cut wedges	Cheese and tomato puff	Vegetable and bean burrito
	Pork sausage roll with diced potatoes	Chicken curry with brown and white rice	Bubble salmon with crinkle cut wedges	Roast chicken with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes & gravy	Baked fish fingers and chips
	<b>All served with Vegetable of the day or salad</b>	<b>All served with Vegetable of the day or salad</b>	<b>All served with Vegetable of the day or salad</b>	<b>All served with Vegetable of the day or salad</b>	<b>All served with Vegetable of the day or salad</b>
	Yoghurt, fruit and mini shortbread biscuit	Love cake	Fruit and Jelly	Chocolate orange sponge	Marble shortbread biscuit